IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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METHODS OF PROMOTING CELL VIABILITY

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to Final Office Action mailed December 26, 2008. The period for reply is initially set to expire at three (3) months from this date, thereby setting the due date for reply at March 26, 2009. Accordingly, this response is considered timely.

Entry of the amendments set forth herein below is requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed appropriate and necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-4589.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments have been made to the Specification.

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